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Capitol Protestor Reaches Agreement with the State

Today, Steven J. Books of Mount Horeb reached an agreement with the State to follow all laws, policies and statutes when on state grounds, including the Capitol. Books had received a civil citation for chalking on the Capitol sidewalk on August 11, 2012. Chalking is prohibited on Capitol grounds.

As part of the agreement, Books agrees to:

- Comply with statutes and rules pertaining to conduct at State of Wisconsin buildings, including the Capitol
- Agrees not to chalk or otherwise display anything at the Capitol or on the grounds without a permit
- Agrees not to participate in any event at the Capitol for which a permit is required but has not been obtained
- Agrees to comply with Wisconsin statutes, Administrative Code, state facilities policy, Senate Chamber rules, Assembly Chamber rules

If Books follows all aspects of his agreement for the next six months, his civil citation will be discharged on July 7, 2013. If Books fails to follow the stipulation, his case will be prosecuted and he will face a fine of \$205.50, plus any additional charges for failing to follow the agreement.

Since 1979, permits have been required to display items and hold events at the Capitol.

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